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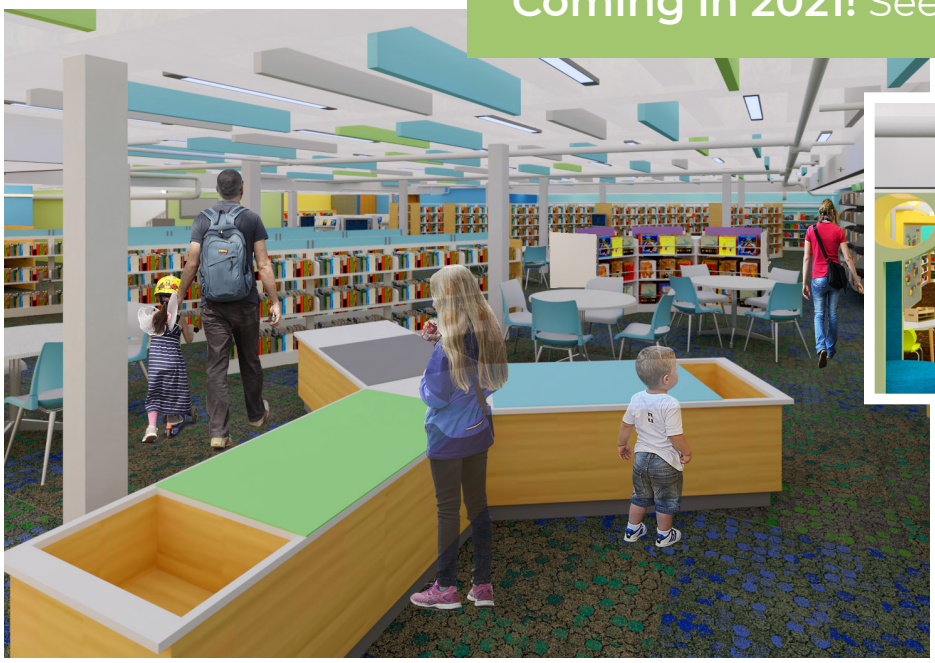

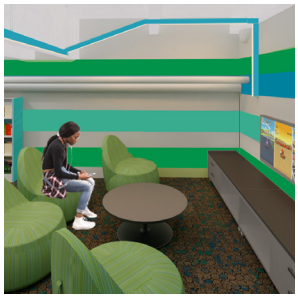

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YOUTH SERVICES **RENOVATION**

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If you've been in the Library lately, you may have noticed some changes happening in the Youth Services Department.

When the Library's main floor and mezzanine level were significantly renovated in 2014 and 2015, no work was done to the lower level. Since then, the Library has been saving funds and making plans to undertake a long-overdue remodel of the lower level of the Library and the Youth Services Department, with no additional cost to Morton Grove residents.

This area of the library has been well-loved for a long time by countless Morton Grove kids and families. The planned renovation will make better use of the space we have, while also modernizing the furnishings so we can continue offering our high standards of service to the community.

While the coronavirus pandemic has caused us to make significant changes to our services to you, including allowing fewer people in the building, those limitations will actually make it easier to undertake this project with fewer disruptions in service. We look forward to the day that we can welcome you back into the Library with fewer restrictions and a newly renovated space for the families of Morton Grove!

ENHANCEMENTS

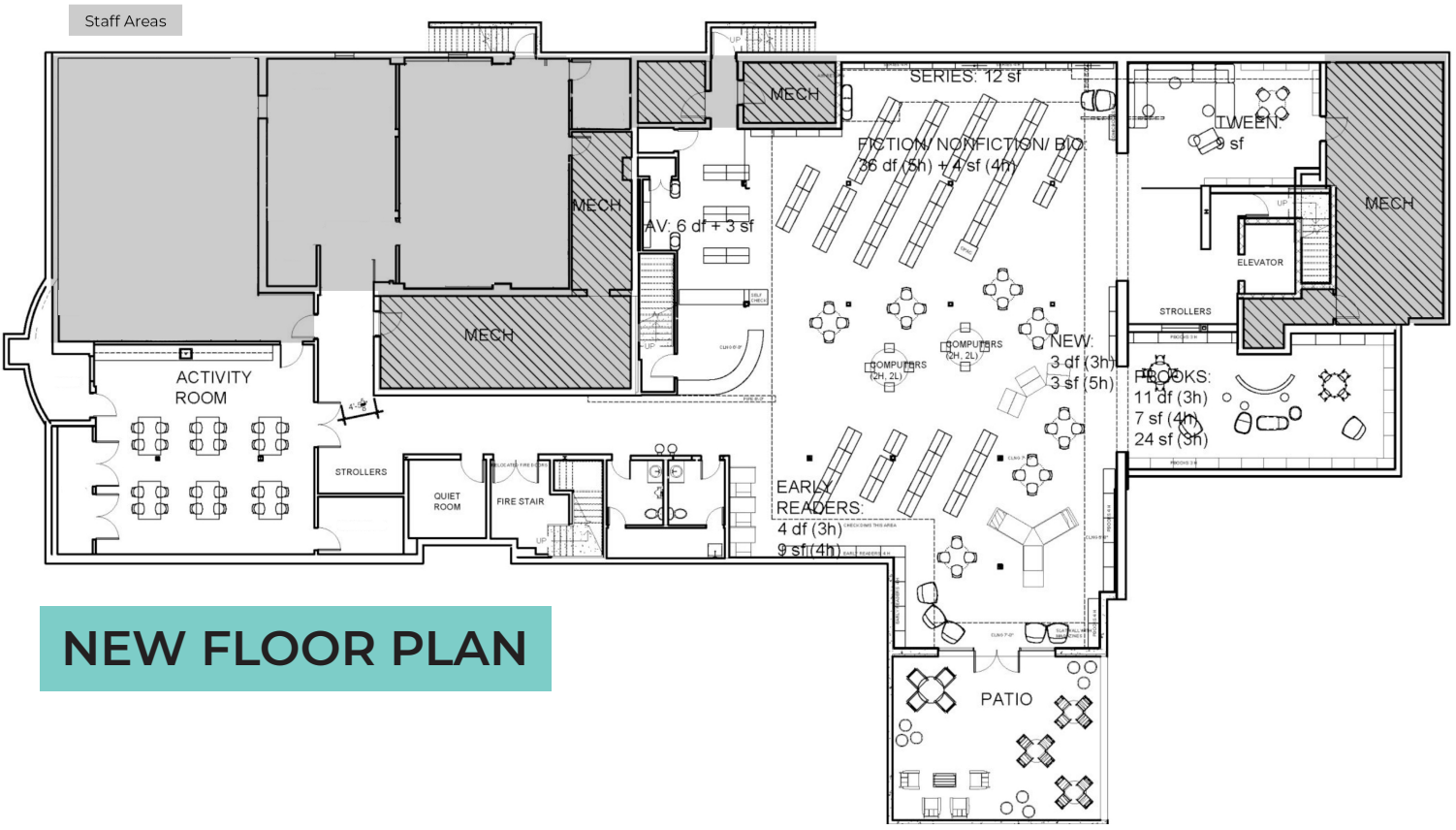
Here are the many upgrades you can expect once the renovation is complete:

- Reconfiguration of the entire lower level, which will allow more space for patrons, seating, programs, and services
- New room for kids in grades 6-8
- New room for picture books
- New room for nursing mothers and those in need of a prayer or "calm down" space
- New multipurpose activity room for storytimes, craft programs, and much more
- New lighting, shelving, and furniture throughout the lower level

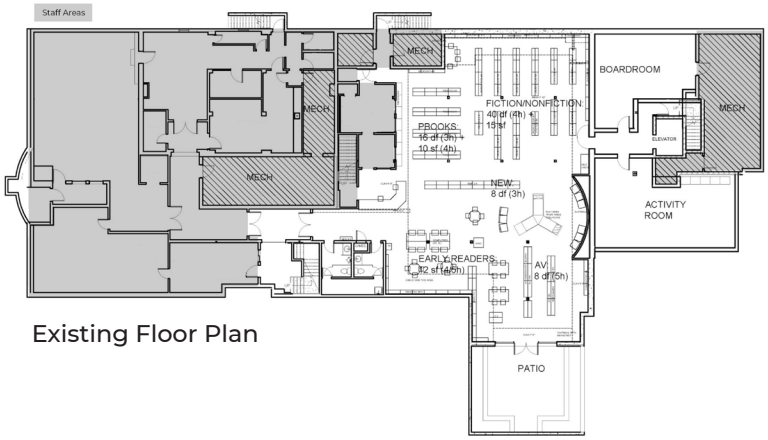
TIMELINE

The renovation is tentatively scheduled to begin February 2021 and finish by early summer. We have already begun some preliminary demolition of select areas of the ceiling and walls, so the department and collections may be periodically closed or unavailable during construction.

Check our Renovation page at **mgpl.org/renovation** and our social media for the most up-to-date information. Questions? You can contact Pam Leffler, Executive Director, at pleffler@mgpl.org or 847-929-5130.



NEW FLOOR PLAN



Existing Floor Plan

DETAILS

Current Public Space	4,945 sq. ft.
Renovated Public Space	6,720 sq. ft.
Project Length	February-June 2021 (estimated)
Total Project Budget	~$1.5 million
Funding Sources	Library's Special Reserve Fund and regular building and operations funds
Architect	Product Architecture + Design
Construction Manager	Shales McNutt Construction

Winter Break Reading Program

Saturday, December 19 – Sunday, January 3

Birth – Grade 8

This winter break, we challenge you to stay busy! Read, play, create, and have fun with us from the safety of your home. All participating families will receive a winter break bundle filled with reading logs, activities, prizes, and other library goodies. Register at **mgpl.org/winter** starting December 1 for a no-fuss pickup of your winter break bundle. In-library and curbside pickup of materials begins December 15.

Winter StoryWalk
Family
December through March
Bundle up and head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. Each month between December and March, we'll display a new book for you to read as you make your way around the building. Book pages will be arranged on signs for you to read at your own pace, so visit us often and enjoy time reading together with your family.

The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

REGISTRATION begins November 15 for December programs and December 15 for January programs unless otherwise noted.

Until we can see you again in the Library building for programs, we have put together a fun lineup of online events for your little ones. Events are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit **mgpl.org/events** for the most up-to-date information.

Storytimes

ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Visit the Library's Facebook page to watch live and on demand.

Bedtime Stories & More
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 7:15-7:30 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two.

Listen Up!
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10-10:20 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more as Ms. Amy brings the Library to your home.

Wee Read
Birth to Age 2 with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 10-10:15 am
(no class on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)
Meet Ms. Debbie online for a song, a rhyme, a story, and more.

ON ZOOM

All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. Zoom information will be sent to registrants via email the day before the program. **R**

Toddler Time
Ages 24-36 months
Wednesdays, Dec. 2-16 and Jan. 6-20, 10-10:30 am

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-6
Thursdays, Dec. 3-17 and Jan. 7-21, 10-10:30 am

Cuddle Bugs (Online)
Birth to 12 months
Monday, Dec. 7, 3-4 pm
Bond with your baby and explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor Loredana Tomasello. (Zoom) **R**

Snowy Storytime (Online)
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 10-10:30 am
Celebrate all things wintery with our snow-themed storytime! (Zoom) **R**

Noon Year's Eve Storytime (Online)
Family
Thursday, Dec. 31, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Ring in the NOON year with friends on Zoom! We'll read stories, sing songs, and celebrate 2021 with cheer. (Zoom) **R**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Storytime (Online)
Family
Monday, Jan. 18, 10-10:30 am
A special storytime about kindness and making a difference in the world around us. (Zoom) **R**

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings: Bravery (Online)
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan. 27, 10-10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities. Leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session's theme: Feeling Brave. (Zoom) **R**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime (Online)
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Jan. 28, 10-10:30 am
A special storytime for participants of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We'll read stories, share our favorite books, and more. Learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and sign up at **mgpl.org/1000books**. (Zoom) **R**

Your Library, Outside
Look for announcements of outdoor and social-distance-friendly pop-up programming on our online calendar and the Library's Facebook page. These programs are subject to change based on weather and Restore Illinois guidelines.

KIDS

R = Registration is required

REGISTRATION begins November 15 for December programs and December 15 for January programs unless otherwise noted.

Kids events are held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) unless otherwise noted. An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

Events are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit **mgpl.org/events** for the most up-to-date information.

Virtual LEGO Builders (Online)
Grades K-8
Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6, 4:30-5:15 pm
Get out your LEGO or other favorite building materials and take the challenge to create something during our Zoom meetup. You can also show-and-tell any awesome creations you have been building recently. (Zoom) **R**

Family Yoga (Online)
Family
Saturdays, Dec. 5 and Jan. 9, 10-11 am
Enjoy the benefits of increased strength, flexibility, and relaxation during this family-centered yoga session led by certified restorative yoga teacher Kristey Chalabi. (Zoom) **R**

Book Bash (Online)
Grades 1-3
Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Jan. 13, 2-2:30 pm
Join us on Zoom to read and discuss a selection of this year's nominees for the Monarch Award, an Illinois readers' choice award, before voting for our favorites in March. (Zoom) **R**

Famished for Fiction (Online)
Grades 4-8
Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Jan. 13, 2:30-3:15 pm
Chat about new and favorite books with Ms. Dre, the Library's school liaison. Bring a beloved book to share with the group or just come to discover your next great read! (Zoom) **R**

Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Pick up supplies from the front porch of the Library to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Kids in the Kitchen: Holiday Cookies (Online)
All Ages
Monday, Dec. 14, 12 pm
Head to the kitchen with Ms. Debbie and her grandkids for some cookie-making fun! Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Drama Club (Online)
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Dec. 15 and Jan. 19, 7-8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. (Zoom) **R**

Tween Game Party (Online)
Grades 4-7
Wednesdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 27, 4-4:45 pm
Hang out with your friends and battle your librarians with fun virtual games. No stress allowed! (Zoom) **R**

Folk & Fairy Tales (Online)
Pre-K to Grade 2 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, Dec. 17 and Jan. 21, 2-2:30 pm
An entertaining storytime focused on a traditional folk or fairy tale, then all mixed up with silly, exciting, or wacky versions of the tale. Visit the Library's Facebook page to watch live.

Chess Academy (Online)
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Dec. 17 and Jan. 21, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. Create your free lichess.org account prior to playing. (Zoom) **R**

Jr. Escape Room (Online)
Grades 1-3
Monday, Dec. 21, 4-5 pm and Thursday, Jan. 14, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (You may bring a reading assistant if needed.) (Zoom) **R**

Escape Room (Online)
Grades 4-8
Tuesdays, Dec. 22, 4-5 pm and Jan. 19, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us in the Zoom Room of Doom for a virtual locked-room challenge. The only escape is to conquer all the puzzles. Together, we will use our STEAM skills to problem-solve our way to freedom. Be sure to have scratch paper and pencil handy. (Zoom) **R**

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Zoom! (Online)

Grades 1-8

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 4-5 pm

Face off in a Rock, Paper, Scissors showdown against your librarians in this epic online game. Instead of hand gestures, we will hold up rock, paper, and scissors cards to our webcams. Find official game cards in your Winter Reading bundle or print them out from our online calendar at **mgpl.org/events.** (Zoom) **R**

Drawn from Memory: Book Characters (Online)

Grades 3-6

Monday, Dec. 28, 4-5 pm

You can recognize Dog Man from a mile away, but can you draw him from your memory? Do your best to recreate popular book characters in 3 minutes after being shown their picture for only 10 seconds! Supplies needed: paper and pen/pencil. (Zoom) **R**

Bill Cook Magic (Online)

All Ages

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2-3 pm

Behold the legendary magic and humor of award-winning Bill Cook during this live show. (Zoom) **R**

STEMonade Stand

Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. We miss doing projects with you at the Library, but when life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

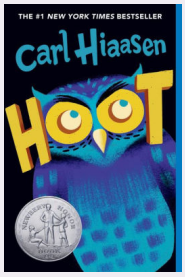
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration opens for each book club event on December 1. After you register, either pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Services Desk or we'll mail it to you for no-contact participation.

Books & Beyond (Online)

Grades 6-8

Thursday, Jan. 7, 7-8 pm

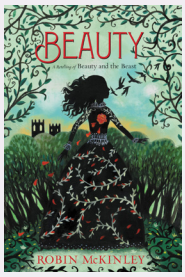


In this book club, participants read the book, watch the movie based on the book (available for streaming on Hoopla), and then meet to discuss both. This month's book/movie is *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. (Zoom) **R**

Mother-Daughter Book Club (Online)

Grades 4-6

Monday, Jan. 11, 7-8 pm

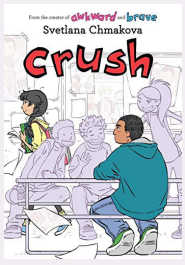


Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for an online discussion and activities connected to the book of the month, *Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast* by Robin McKinley. (Zoom) **R**

Guys Read (Online)

Grades 4-6

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7-7:45 pm



Team up with your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month, *Crush* by Svetlana Chmakova. (Zoom) **R**

Family Reads (Online)

Grades 1-3

Monday, Jan. 18, 7-7:45 pm

Read the book of the month at home with your family, then bring your grown-up to our Zoom meetup to explore the story through discussion and activities. This month's book: *Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door* by Hilary McKay. (Zoom) **R**

Brain Bytes (Online)

Brain Bytes is our series of video shorts featuring math puzzles and brain games. New episodes upload on the first and third Fridays of the month. To watch, visit the Library's YouTube channel at **youtube.com/user/webrary.**

BRAIN BYTES

REGISTRATION begins November 15 for December programs and December 15 for January programs unless otherwise noted.

Mini Masterpieces (Online)
Grades 1-3
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 3-3:45 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Jean-Michel Basquiat. Supplies needed: paper, pencil, and something to color with. (Zoom) **R**

Family Engineering Night (Online)
All Ages
Thursday, Jan. 28, 7-8 pm
At Family Engineering Night, we create awesome inventions in response to everyday problems. Your challenge is to build first, and then meet online for a show-and-tell session to share your team's results. January's task: Build a device that makes cold weather more fun. (Zoom) **R**

Pocket Circus Show (Online)
All Ages
January 18-28
Watch an exciting circus show full of juggling, balancing, and colorful costumes set to tango music. The streaming video will be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook page for 10 days.

Free Tools for Managing Remote & At-Home Early Childhood Education

By Amy Goodchild

This school year is challenging for all parents, especially those with school-age kids. Homeschooling or e-learning, though safer, can be daunting tasks. Luckily, we have lots of virtual and hands-on resources available to help you supplement your child's education. Here are a few:

Scholastic Teachables
Our newest database for kids, Scholastic Teachables offers printable resources for grades PreK-8 for all subjects, including worksheets, mini-books, and entire packets based on one topic with multiple activities across subjects. Visit **mgpl.org/databases** to access.

Tumblebook Library
Tumblebook Library has hundreds of books—picture books, early chapter books, and nonfiction—that are read aloud and, in the case of picture books, slightly animated. It's a great resource for kids who are learning to read. Visit **mgpl.org/databases** to access.

DIY Storytimes
DIY Storytimes, made by our Youth Services staff, allow anyone to lead a storytime using the provided songs, books, and activities. Visit **mgpl.org/diy-storytimes** to access.

MGPL Youth Services on Pinterest
Check out the Youth Services Pinterest page **(pinterest.com/mgplys)** for booklists, links to a wide variety of activities, apps for preschoolers, and more.

Early Literacy & STEM Kits
Our Early Literacy Kits contain books, activities, and fun materials on a specific topic, while STEM Kits contain materials and directions for a STEM activity or educational toys.

STEMonade Stand
Located outside the front door of the library, the STEMonade Stand is filled with a different STEM-based kit every week. Kits are appropriate for a wide variety of ages and are a perfect resource to add to your science and math.

Amy Goodchild is a Youth Services Associate.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT

Painted Snowflakes
Staying inside the lines has never been easier with this stencil canvas painting! Kits will be available at the Info Desks or through curbside pickup beginning December 1 while supplies last.

2020 WINTER READING PROGRAM

Bingo Blizzard Blast

Adults and Teens (Grades 9-12)
Tuesday, December 1 - Sunday, January 31

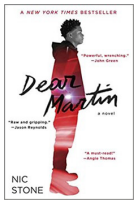
Kick off your winter leisure activities with our Bingo Blizzard Blast! Fill out the Bingo card on page 11 to participate. Complete 5 Bingo squares in a row to be entered into a drawing for prizes.

College Application Workshop (Online)
Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-7:30 pm
Get all your college application questions answered by a representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Open to high school seniors and their families. (Zoom) **R**

Finals Stress Kit
December 7-18
Studying for finals stressing you out? Our Finals Stress Kits will relieve tension with relaxing smells, tastes, and textures. Available at the Info Desk while supplies last.

MGPL'S TOP TEEN READS OF 2020

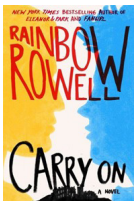
A Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J. Maas



Dear Martin by Nic Stone

One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

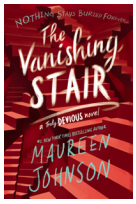


Carry On by Rainbow Rowell

Heir of Fire by Sarah J. Maas

The One by Kiera Cass

The Burning Maze by Rick Riordan



The Vanishing Star by Maureen Johnson

All-American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney

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HOW TO PLAY

- Use this Bingo card to track your reading, watching, and listening.
- Complete five Bingo squares in a row to earn a Bingo (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal).
- Items can only be used once per card. For example, even though *Little Fires Everywhere* could be both "Fiction Book" and "Book made into movie or TV", it can only be used in one of those squares.
- When you get a Bingo, fill out your entry online at **mgpl.org/winter**, or call or chat the Info Desk and we will do it for you. Physical Bingo cards do not need to be submitted.

HOW TO WIN

- Each Bingo will give you one entry in our prize drawing.
- Maximum of three entries per person.

PRIZES

- **Teens in Grades 9-12:** Amazon and Starbucks gift cards
- **Adults:** gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores

All entries must be submitted by Sunday, January 31, at **mgpl.org/winter.**

BINGO BLIZZARD BLAST

2020 Winter Reading Program for Adults and Teens

Fiction book	Nonfiction book	Science fiction or fantasy book	Your choice	**Book Picks** recommendation Learn more at mgpl.org/book-picks
Your choice	Movie or TV	**Book Picks** recommendation Learn more at mgpl.org/book-picks	New book	Book discussion book
Anti-racism book	Nonfiction book	Your choice	Author from another country	Historical fiction book
Graphic novel or manga	Fiction book	LGBTQ+ book	New movie	Your choice
Movie or TV	Your choice	Mystery or suspense book	Book translated into English	Book made into movie or TV

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A TO Z FOOD DATABASES

Tour the world using your taste buds with our new food/cookbook databases AtoZ World Food and AtoZ Food America! AtoZ World Food offers more than 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries, while AtoZ Food America contains more than 2,000 state, regional, and ethnic recipes. Each database also includes articles on the culture, traditions, and history surrounding the recipes, so you can improve your cooking game and learn about the world at the same time. Both resources work great on a smartphone or tablet, so you can easily access recipes at your kitchen counter. Dig in at **mgpl.org/databases**. Bon appétit!

ZOOM TABLETS FOR SENIORS

Through funding we received from Age Options, we have acquired five LG tablets with internet connection. Set up specifically for online programs using Zoom, these devices are perfect for seniors wanting to attend Library programs! Available for 3-week checkout to Morton Grove cardholders.

HEALTHY LIVING

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, Dec. 7, Dec. 21, Jan. 4, and Jan. 18, 9:30-10:15 am
Certified tai chi instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help restore balance, flexibility, and reduce stress. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) **R**

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays, 10-11 am (no class Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfy clothes. (Zoom) **R**

Meditation (Phone)
Monday, Jan. 11, 10-10:30 am
Cher Walter leads a beginner-friendly introductory guided meditation for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. **R**

ESL Conversation Group (Online)
Thursday, Dec. 3 and Jan. 7, 2-3 pm
Practice your English conversation skills over Zoom with MGPL librarian Marlene, other ESL learners, and ESL volunteers. We will talk about interesting topics and share thoughts and stories. Any handouts will be emailed in advance. All skill levels are welcome to attend. (Zoom) **R**

Vintage Holidays (Online)
Thursday, Dec. 10, 6-7 pm
Take a humorous culinary trip to the past with librarian and cookbook collector Amy Alessio to learn how turkey, pumpkin pie, ham, and other holiday foods have been cooked and savored throughout history. Participants will receive recipes to try for their own holiday celebrations. (Zoom) **R**

mgpl after dark

MGPL After Dark: Stu the Piano Guy (Online)
Friday, Dec. 11, 7-8 pm
Enjoy a versatile repertoire of music genres from Frank Sinatra to Bruno Mars and everything in between from singer, songwriter, and entertainer Michael "Stu" Stoinski. Attend this live streaming concert from the comfort of your home where you can chat us requests and even sing along! This concert will take place online on YouTube. After registering, you will receive a link where you can watch the event live streaming. (YouTube) **R**

The Secret Origins of Sci-Fi Cinema (Online)
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-3 pm

Discover the little-known history of early science fiction cinema—from the B-movies of the 1930s and '40s through the '50s Hollywood hits like *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and *War of the Worlds*—with Blair Davis, Professor of Media and Cinema Studies at DePaul University and author of *The Battle for the Bs: 1950s Hollywood and the Rebirth of Low Budget Cinema*. (Zoom) **R**

Bullet Journaling (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7-8 pm
Want to try bullet journaling but too intimidated by the museum-quality examples on Pinterest? Remove some stress from your life through artful organization and learn the basics of bullet journaling with presenter Jez Layman. Registrants will be provided with necessary supplies. (Zoom) **R**

NAVIGATING
THE JOB SEARCH

Navigating the Job Search is a four-week event series sponsored in collaboration with the public libraries of Skokie, Wilmette, Glenview, Evanston, Lincolnwood, and Niles. Register via the Skokie Public Library's event calendar at **skokielibrary.info/events.**

Looking for a Job Today
Thursday, Jan. 21, 3-4 pm
The job market has changed dramatically. How can you conduct an effective job search today? Career librarian Mike Buhmann will go over essential portfolio-building tools and discuss how you can develop the knowledge and skills to land your optimal job.

Resumes and Marketing Material
Thursday, Jan. 28, 3-4 pm
Join career professionals Jerry Donahue and Joan Neumahr to learn the best ways to market yourself during the pandemic. Learn techniques to create an optimal resume, LinkedIn profile, cover letters, and more.

Informational Interviewing
Thursday, Feb. 4, 3-4 pm
Get an edge on the competition by networking your way to your next career. Martin Gahbauer of Elmhurst College will provide a guide to take control of your job search by conducting a series of directed interviews that will develop your network and help you land a good job.

Interviewing in the Virtual Age
Thursday, Feb. 11, 3-4 pm
During the pandemic, most interviewing is done on the phone and by computer. In this program, long-time human resources professional Frances Price will explain the techniques for looking and sounding your best in an online interview.

Decluttering Our Hearts and Homes: The Emotional Connection to Stuff (Online)
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7-8 pm
Everyone faces the task of decluttering at some point. Speaker Jennifer Barnes examines the why and how behind our emotional connection to things as well as specific steps to effectively decluttering the spaces where we live and work. (Zoom) **R**

Stories & Songs of African People (Online)
Sunday, Jan. 10, 2-3 pm
Chicago-based award-winning storyteller and musician Shanta Nurullah blends folktales and original stories with songs, chants, and African instrument demonstrations in a program suitable for all ages. (Zoom) **R**

MEET THE AUTHOR

Lori Rader-Day

Meet the Author: Lori Rader-Day (Online)
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2-3 pm
Lori Rader-Day's latest thriller *The Lucky One* is set in a community of online amateur sleuths seeking to solve cold cases of the missing and unidentified. Learn about the unlikely and real-life inspirations for this story and the research Lori did that led her to clear up a few childhood mysteries of her own. (Zoom) **R**

Listening Session for Older Adults (Online)
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 10-11 am
Share your insights on library programming and services at this online event you can attend either on Zoom or over the phone. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a Mariano's gift card. (Zoom) **R**

They Shall Be Counted (Online)
Monday, Jan. 25, 10-11 am
In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, learn about the complications and ironies of ghetto life through the original paintings and drawings Erich Lichtblau-Leskly created while imprisoned in the Theresienstadt (Terezin) Ghetto. Presented by Meghan Gieseker of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. (Zoom) **R**

kanopy CLUB

Kanopy Club (Online)
Join us for a new film discussion club! Watch the movie before the meeting using Kanopy, the library's free online movie streaming service, or contact the Library to borrow the DVD. Then join us for a discussion moderated by two movie-loving librarians. (Zoom) **R**

Meet the Patels
Thursday, Jan. 28, 7-8 pm
In this real-life romantic comedy, an Indian-American man who is about to turn 30 gets help from his parents and extended family so he can start looking for a wife the traditional Indian way. (2014, PG, 1 hr 20 min)

Exploring Spices (Online)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful monthly program. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish you choose. At the end of the month we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. (Zoom) **R**

Allspice
Sunday, Jan. 31, 2-3 pm (pickup starts Jan. 4)

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Doing More with Word 365 (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2-3 pm
Learn about page layouts, margins, columns, headers, and features exclusive to this version of Word. (Zoom) **R**

Doing More with Windows 10 (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2-3 pm
Learn about the most important built-in apps and how to install and manage programs. (Zoom) **R**

Excel Pivot Tables (Online)
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2-3 pm
Learn how to create and use Pivot Tables in Excel to sort, analyze, and summarize data. (Zoom) **R**

Home Movie Conversion
Cleaning out the house and found that box of old home videos? The Library is now offering free home movie conversion for Morton Grove residents. Schedule an appointment to drop off your home VHS tapes and Library staff will convert them to DVD for you. Limited to 2 VHS tapes per month. Must supply blank DVDs or purchase from Library for $1 each. Contact the Info Desk at 847-965-4220 or info@mgpl.org to schedule an appointment.

book PICKS

Book Picks
Looking for your next great read? Fill out our simple form at **mgpl.org/book-picks** to receive a customized list of suggested books from our librarians. Don't have a computer? No problem—we are happy to give suggestions over the phone or in person as well.

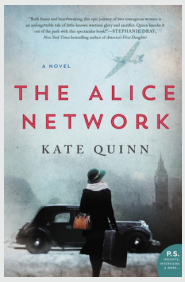
BOOK TALKS

Book Talks meet over the phone via Zoom. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. **R**

New Books @ MGPL (Phone)
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1-2 pm
Start off the new year with a new book. Join us to hear about a selection of new and exciting titles recently added to the Library's collection.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines (Phone)
Between the Lines meets over the phone via Zoom. Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password. **R**



Favorite Book of 2020
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 7-8 pm
Rather than read and discuss a specific book, come prepared to share your favorite book (or books) you read in 2020.

The Alice Network
by Kate Quinn
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7-8 pm

Book Chat (Online)
Looking for something more casual than a traditional book discussion? Chat over the phone or via Zoom with your fellow book lovers about whatever you're reading, listening to, and otherwise enjoying. **R**

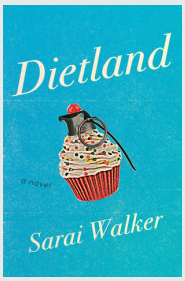
BOOK CHAT

Thursday, Dec. 17, 10-11 am
Thursday, Jan. 21, 10-11 am

LitLounge (Online)
Titles are always available on Hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting. **R**

Litera-Cheers: The Best of 2020
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7:30-8:30 pm
Rather than discussing a single book this month, we're talking about many different books (and TV shows and movies and podcasts). Join us to talk about your favorites from 2020 and get recommendations from your fellow LitLoungers.

Dietland
by Sarai Walker
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7:30-8:30 pm



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Library visitors are reminded that attendance at programs constitutes consent to be photographed or videotaped for Library purposes. If you or your child do not wish to be photographed or videotaped, please notify staff.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
Patrons needing special assistance should call 847-965-4220 or email info@mgpl.org.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 (for adult and teen programs) or 847-929-5102 (for children's programs) to confirm scheduled events.

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Help us document these unique times by sharing your experiences navigating the Covid-19 pandemic. Postcards will have a selection of prompts to inspire your written or visual response.

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Find book, movie, music, and video game recommendations from MGPL staff at **mgpl.org/gift-guide**.

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